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**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S NOTIFICATION REGARDING NON-ENTRY OF RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

The applicant has received and reviewed the examiner's notification that the amendments to claims 59, 115, and 117 filed on January 19, 2007, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312 would not be entered. Although the applicant does not believe that the amendments changed the scope of the claims, in the interest of advancing the application to issuance, the applicant withdraws the amendments from consideration. If there are any remaining matters that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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